

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Previously Amended) A bulk material baler comprising:  
a frame;  
a plurality of bale strap guide tracks deployed on said frame to space a plurality of bale strap loops substantially about 9 and 1/4 inches from adjacent bale strap loops;  
a plurality of bale strap drivers, each fixedly attached to said frame and each of a plurality of head walls and each driver being driven by a driver motor, each of said driver motors being attached to each of said head walls, and each driver being each  
end operatively aligned with one of the bale strap guide tracks, said bale strap drivers driving strap through at least two adjacent strap guide tracks simultaneously; and  
a plurality of bale strap fasteners, each fixedly attached to said frame each of said head walls and each operatively aligned with one of the bale strap guide tracks.
2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the bale strap guide tracks, strap drives and fasteners are each six in number.
3. (Currently Amended) A bulk material baler comprising:  
a baler base;  
a plurality of head walls supported by a translating carriage slideably attached to said base;  
a plurality of bale strap guide tracks supported by said head walls and configured to space a plurality bale strap loops substantially about 9 and  $\sqrt{4} \frac{1}{4}$  inches from adjacent bale strap loops;  
a plurality of bale strap drivers supported by said head walls, each operatively aligned with one of said bale strap guide tracks, said bale strap drivers driving strap through at least two adjacent strap guide tracks simultaneously; and  
a plurality of bale strap fasteners supported by said head walls and each operatively aligned with one of said bale strap guide tracks.